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Letter dated 19 January 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Egypt to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 16 January 2016 (see annex) from Mr. Sameh Shokry Selim, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt, responding to the letter dated 25 November 2015 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Sudan addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2015/916).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex issued as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Amr Abdellatif **Aboulatta**
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I refer to the letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Sudan dated 25 November 2015 addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2015/916). I should like to respond to the assertions made in that letter regarding the holding of parliamentary elections in the Egyptian district of Hala'ib and Shalatin. Egypt held elections in the district in order to exercise sovereignty over all of its territories and fulfil its responsibilities towards its citizens. Elections of all types, whether presidential, parliamentary or local elections or referendums, are held in accordance with the Constitution and Egyptian legislation on the demarcation of electoral districts throughout Egyptian territory.

The Egyptian Government stresses that it is committed to the fraternal and historic ties between the governments and peoples of Egypt and the Sudan. It will continue to work persistently to promote the political, economic and cultural interests of the two kindred peoples in a context of complementarity, good neighbourly relations and a shared future.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter issued as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Sameh Hassan Shokry **Selim**
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